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GRANTING PUBLIC LANDS TO THE CITY OF RED BLUFF, CALIF., FOR A PUBLIC PARK

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Mr. JONES of New Mexico, from the Committee on Public Lands
and Surveys, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 9688]

The Committee on Public Lands and Surveys, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9688) granting public lands to the city of Red Bluff, Calif., for a public park, having considered the same, reports thereon favorably, without amendment, and recommends it do pass.

The recommendations of the departments are indicated by the reports submitted by them in House Report No. 1062.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, July 26, 1924.

Hon. N. J. SINNOTT,
Chairman Committee on the Public Lands,
House of Representatives.

MY DEAR MR. SINNOTT: I am in receipt by your reference of June 7, 1924, of H. R. 9688, with request for report on same, entitled "A bill granting public lands to the city of Red Bluff, Calif., for a public park."

The bill proposes to grant to the city of Red Bluff, Calif., 80 acres of land in sec. 22, T. 29 N., R. 2 E., M. D. M., upon payment of \$1.25 per acre for public park purposes. The grant is made subject to any valid existing bona fide right or claim initiated under the land laws of the United States, and contains the usual nonalienation and reversionary provisos and reserves to the United States all oil, coal, or other mineral deposits found at any time in the land, and all necessary use of the land for extracting the same.

The land is included in power site reserve No. 364 of May 27, 1913. The bill provides that "the grant hereby made shall be subject to the provisions of section 24 of the Federal water power act." (41 U. S. Stat., pp. 1063-1077, approved June 10, 1920.) This department has no objection to offer to the passage of the bill.

Very truly yours,

E. C. FINNEY, *Acting Secretary.*

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE,
Washington, June 12, 1924.

Hon. N. J. SINNOTT,
Chairman Committee on the Public Lands,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. SINNOTT: Reference is made to your request of June 7 for a report upon the bill (H. R. 9688) granting public lands to the city of Red Bluff, Calif., for a public park.

The lands proposed to be granted by this measure are not within a national forest and are not otherwise under the jurisdiction of the Department of Agriculture. For this reason the department has no recommendations to make, but would suggest that the bill be referred to the Secretary of the Interior for report, since he has jurisdiction over the public domain.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY C. WALLACE, *Secretary.*

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION,
Washington, June 10, 1924.

Hon. N. J. SINNOTT,
Chairman Committee on the Public Lands,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. SINNOTT: In compliance with your letter of June 7, 1924, I have the honor to submit the following report touching the matter of H. R. 9688, Sixty-eighth Congress, "A bill granting public lands to the city of Red Bluff, Calif., for a public park."

The lands described in the bill are the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, sec. 22, T. 29 N., R. 2 E., M. D. M., Tehama County, Calif., which are in reservation for power purposes. By the terms of the bill the lands can not be disposed of by the city or put to any other use than as a public park, and the bill expressly provides that the grant "shall be subject to the provisions of section 24 of the Federal water power act."

These provisions appear amply sufficient to protect water-power interests and no objection, therefore, is seen to the passage of the bill.

Very truly yours,

O. C. MERRILL, *Executive Secretary.*

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION,
Washington, June 7, 1924.

Hon. JOHN E. RAKER,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. RAKER: I have received your letter of June 5, 1924, and its inclosure, H. R. 9688, Sixty-eighth Congress, "A bill granting public lands to the city of Red Bluff, Calif., for a public park." The lands described in the bill are the N. $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, sec. 22, T. 29 N., R. 2 E., M. D. M., Tehama County, Calif., which are in reservation for power purposes.

By the terms of the bill the lands can not be disposed of by the city or put to any other use than as a public park, and the bill expressly provides that the grant "shall be subject to the provisions of section 24 of the Federal water power act."

So far as I am advised, I see no objection to a favorable report on the bill and I shall take pleasure in having the matter submitted to the commission for this purpose.

Very truly yours,

O. C. MERRILL, *Executive Secretary.*